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Two Plead to Stealing Vehicle Part Stemming from Paul Walker's Fatal Collision

Two men have entered a no contest plea to stealing a vehicle part from the wrecked Porsche Carrera GT in which actor Paul Walker died, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Anthony Edward Janow, 26, entered a no contest plea late yesterday to one felony count of grand theft of personal property and one misdemeanor count each of destroying evidence and resisting, obstructing and delaying a peace officer.

Jameson Brooks Witty, 18, pleaded no contest to one misdemeanor count each of grand theft of personal property, destroying evidence and resisting, obstructing and delaying a peace officer.

Both defendants pleaded open to the court. An open plea is where a defendant asks the court for a sentence without negotiating with the District Attorney's Office.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Lloyd Nash of the San Fernando indicated an expected sentence of 180 days in county jail for both. Witty has a sentencing hearing scheduled for Aug. 14 and Janow is scheduled to be sentenced on Oct. 23 both in Department 502.

On the evening of Nov. 30, the men stole a roof panel from a tow truck carrying the demolished vehicle that was stopped at a red light in Valencia, prosecutors said.

The theft occurred after Witty and Janow were told by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy they could not take any part of the vehicle, prosecutors added.

The assigned prosecutor was Deputy District Attorney Bradley Lieberman.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Valley Station.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.